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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A coated, coextruded, biaxially stretched polyolefin film, which comprises at least one base layer B made of polyolefins and a top layer Z made of polyolefins modified using maleic acid anhydride,

characterized in that a coating made of a primer, which forms the primer layer P, is applied to the surface of the top layer Z, and an inorganic coating made of lithium-potassium polysilicates, which forms a polysilicate layer, is applied to the surface of the primer layer P.

- 2. (Original) The polyolefin film according to Claim 1,
 - characterized in that the coextruded and biaxially stretched basic film has a further top layer on the side diametrically opposite the layer Z.
- 3. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1,one of Claims 1 through</u> 2, characterized in that the polysilicate coating is applied from an aqueous solution of lithium and potassium polysilicates.
- 4. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through 3</u>, characterized in that the polysilicate coating is a mixture of lithium and potassium polysilicates of the general formula $(Li_2O)_x(K_2O)_{1-x}(SiO_2)_y$, in which x is the mole fraction of Li_2O and y is the mole ratio $\underline{SiO_2:K_2O}$ $\underline{SiO_2:M_2O}$ and x = 0.4 to < 1 and y = 1 10.
- 5. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through</u>
 4, characterized in that the primer layer is a layer made of PVOH.
- 6. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 5</u>, one of <u>Claims 1 through</u>
 5, characterized in that the PVOH has a degree of hydrolysis of 85 to < 100 %.
- 7. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through 6</u>, characterized in that the layer Z contains 80 to 100 weight-percent of a polypropylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer, or polyethylene grafted using maleic acid anhydride.

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8. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through</u>
7, characterized in that the polypropylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer, or polyethylene grafted using maleic acid anhydride has a maleic acid anhydride content of 0.05 to 3 weight-percent in relation to the weight of the polymer.

- 9. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through 8</u>, characterized in that the polypropylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer, or polyethylene grafted using maleic acid anhydride has a melting point of 150 to 165 °C and a Vicat softening point of 120 to 150 °C.
- 10. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to claim 1, one of Claims 1 through 9, characterized in that the layer Z additionally contains > 0 to 30 weight-percent non-modified olefinic polymers made of propylene, ethylene, or butene units, preferably polyethylene, polypropylene, propylene terpolymers, and propylene copolymers.
- 11. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, one of <u>Claims 1 through</u> 10, characterized in that the basic film has a further top layer made of sealable polyolefinic polymers on the diametrically opposite surface of the base layer.
- 12. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to one of Claims 1 through 11, claim
 1, characterized in that the layer Z has a layer thickness of 0.3 to 3 μm.
- 13. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, one of <u>Claims 1 through 12</u>, characterized in that first a basic film, which comprises at least the base layer B and the layer Z, is manufactured according to the coextrusion method, and subsequently the surface of layer Z is coated with PVOH and subsequently a polysilicate coating is applied to the PVOH coating.
- 14. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through</u>
 13, characterized in that the coextruded basic film has further coextruded layers and the basic film is a three-layered, four-layered, or five-layered basic film and the further layers are synthesized from polyolefins.
- 15. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, one of <u>Claims 1 through</u>

 13, characterized in that the coextruded basic film is a three-layered film having a

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sealable top layer on the diametrically opposite side of the base layer, which is synthesized from propylene copolymers or propylene terpolymers.

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- 16. (Currently amended) The polyolefin film according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>one of Claims 1 through</u>
 15, characterized in that the polyolefin film has an oxygen permeability at 23 °C and 50 % relative humidity of less than 1 cm³/m²*day*bar.
- 17. (Currently amended) A laminate made of a coated polyolefin film according to one of Claims 1 through 16, claim 1, characterized in that the polyolefin film is laminated into a laminate with a polyethylene film using laminating adhesive, the lamination being performed against the polysilicate-coated side.
- 18. (Original) The laminate according to Claim 17, characterized in that the laminate has an oxygen permeability at 23 °C and 50 % relative humidity of less than 0.5 cm³/m²*day*bar.
- 19. (Currently amended) The laminate according to <u>claim 17</u>, one of <u>Claims 17 or 18</u>, characterized in that a solvent-free laminating adhesive is used for the lamination.
- 20. (Original) A method for manufacturing a coated film, characterized in that a coextruded, biaxially stretched film is manufactured which has a base layer B and a first top layer Z and a second top layer made of sealable polyolefins, the layer Z being synthesized from polyolefin grafted with maleic acid anhydride and the surface of the layer Z being provided with a PVOH coating and a polysilicate coating being applied from aqueous solution onto the surface of the PVOH coating.
- 21. (New) The polyolefin film according to claim 9, characterized in that the layer Z additionally contains > 0 to 30 weight-percent non-modified olefinic polymers made of polyethylene, polypropylene, propylene terpolymers, and propylene copolymers.

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